

February 17, 2010

Information provided by Department of Health Services

Donna McDowell, Director, Bureau of Aging & Disability Resources

Division of Long-Term Care

**WI State Senate**

**Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care and Job Creation**

**SB 491**

Aging & Disability Resource Centers are now serving most of the state of Wisconsin. These one-stop organizations provide a very comprehensive set of information and guidance about how, in our complicated health and social services systems, services and benefits work for adults that are elderly or have a disability, and provide help securing what people need and are entitled to. The ADRCs perform functional and financial screening that identifies persons eligible for Family Care or a self-directed supports waiver known as IRIS.

This bill updates the statute to include in the ADRC section the IRIS Medicaid waiver that permits individuals and their families to manage their own service and supports. The bill also expands the people who can receive information and assistance from an ADRC to include adults with developmental disabilities.

**SB 494**

DHS has suggested that the statute be amended to clarify that in addition to the county agencies that are eligible to serve as an ADRC, non-profit corporations established by counties to serve as county aging units can also qualify to serve as an ADRC. At present the ADRC can be developed by human service departments, county aging units or community service boards (51). The non-profit county aging units are treated as counties in all other programs administered by DHS when they are an appropriate provider of services for the elderly and other populations.

###

Current and Proposed  
Aging and Disability Resource Centers  
January 1, 2010

Star = ADRC Application Submitted

Grey = Letter of Intent to Apply Received

<p>Star = ADRC Application Submitted</p> <p>Grey = Letter of Intent to Apply Received</p>
---

